

Oughterard All Ireland 36th Ridden Registered Connemara Performance Pony Championship Final

Rules for Oughterard All Ireland 2023

1. Qualifying rounds will be held at designated shows.
2. Ponies 4 years old and over are eligible.
3. More than one pony in each qualifying class may be selected to compete in the final provided the judges agree that the standard is high enough and may qualify a second pony.
4. **Judge of the day must sign the qualifying entry form (s)**
5. Pony and / or Rider once qualified are not eligible to participate in subsequent qualifiers in the same category. This rule may be waived by the Show Committee in exceptional circumstances e.g. sale of a pony or injury of rider prior to final. Permission from the Oughterard Show Committee must be granted prior to any previously qualified pony or rider competing in subsequent qualifying rounds. Failure to do so will result in the entry not being accepted.
6. On completion of judging at qualifiers the successful qualifier will be given all relevant entry documentation by the ring steward. This must be completed and returned, along with the appropriate fee, to the secretary of Oughterard Show within 7 days - this rule will be strictly adhered to.
7. Ponies must be registered in a main Connemara Studbook. The Passport of each pony must be presented prior to judging at the qualifying show and on the day of the final.
8. The rider must be **16 years and over** on 01/01/2023.
9. Jumping over rustic/ natural fences will be part of the qualifying rounds and final. Qualifying rounds require a minimum of **4** fences. Jumps at qualifiers should not exceed **90cm** in height and **90cm** in width. Entrants from shows who do not adhere to this rule will not be accepted.
10. The Final requires a minimum of **5** fences which will include a double. Fences must not exceed 1m in height and **1m** in width.
11. Ponies to be ridden in a Plain Snaffle, Pelham or Double Bridle. Boots are allowed for the jumping phase only, and must be removed prior to the in-hand or Flat Sections. A running martingale is permitted in qualifiers and in the Final but spurs are prohibited. **The same tack must be used in both phases.**
12. A performance judge must be used at qualifying shows.
13. Ponies will be judged on type, confirmation, jumping technique, way of going and action in-hand.
14. Random Dope testing may be carried out on the day of the final.
15. Any objection must be lodged in writing with the show secretary within half an hour following the completion of the competition, together with €50 which is refundable if the objection is upheld.
16. Oughterard Show Committee, in consultation with the sponsor, reserves the right to amend the rules as may be deemed necessary.
 - * It is strongly advised by the Oughterard Show Society that all competitors should wear a body protector.
 - * **Qualifying Rosettes will be presented at the Final**

Entry Fee to Final: €25

Prizes: 1st €400, 2nd €250, 3rd €150, 4th €90, 5th €60, 6th €50

All finalists will receive a rosette on appearance in the final.

Supreme Champion:

The **Cannonball Cup** will be presented to the Supreme Champion.
A Trophy will be presented to the breeder of the Supreme Champion.

Marking:

Phase 1 – Jumping

5 fences (one is a double) marked 0-10 for each fence.
Points will also be awarded for way of going 0- 20

Penalties

1st Refusal: -15
2nd Refusal: -20
3rd Refusal: Elimination
Each Fence Knocked: -10

Phase 2 – Flat-Ridden and In-Hand

Flat-Ridden will include a short free-style show incorporating walk, trot, canter, change of rein and gallop and will be judged as follows:

Pony's Manners and Performance: 0-10

Rider's ability: 0-10

Overall Impression: 0-10

In-Hand will be judged as follows: Confirmation: 0-10

Type: 0-5

Movement: 0-10

Note: In the event of a tie at the conclusion of judging, the combination awarded the highest points in Phase 1 will be deemed the winner. If there is still a tie, the combination with the highest points in Phase 2 Flat Ridden will be deemed the winner.

Qualifying Shows 2023:

28th May- Athenry Show
28th May - Midleton Show
3rd - June - Ballyconneely Perform Pony
11th June Ballinalee Show
11th June – Claregalway Show
11th June – Clonakilty Show
17/18th June – Cork Summer Show
18th June – Athlone Show

24/25th June – Charleville Show
1st July – North East Conn Pony Breeders Slane
1st July – Ardrahan Show
1st July – Killusky, Co Tipperary
13th July - Bannow & Rathangan Show
16th July - Loughrea Show
23rd July - Midland Connemara Pony Breeders
6th Aug – Claremorris Show
7th Aug - Tinahely, Wicklow
21st Aug – Tullow, Carlow